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Serial Nos. 1 — 19

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 — 19

Major ~~Part~~ B for April 1864.

SUBJECT.

Introduction of the Sudder Distillery System into Mysore. ~~during 1863-64~~

Indorsed.

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Mundiawog Division

Superintendents Office

General No. 364

Rev No 89

To

The Secretary to the

Commissioner for the Government of the

Territories of H. H. the Rajah of Mysore,

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference to Mr Sanders letter No 98 dated 15th June 1863, to request the favor of your submitting the original documents, noted in the margin, connected with the proposed Sudder distillery system for the consideration of the Commissioner,

Docket No 52 from Executive Engineer Bangalore forwarding Plan and Estimate for a distillery yard.
Letter No 89 from Superintendent of Toomkoor
Letter of 4 August 1863 from Mr Mergler Abkarry Contractor

2 I concur with Major Puckle under the circumstances stated that one distillery Compound will meet the requirements of the Toomkoor district. Mr Mergler is also of opinion that the Bangalore and Kolar districts require respectively two enclosures; only two new Buildings will however be required as the old Karikanals at Goodubunda can be accommodated to the object contemplated at a cost of about two hundred Rupees, and Mr Mergler is prepared if a better site than the present one is given to him to build at (his own expense) his own expense a new distillery (Compound of course included) using the materials of the existing building for that object.

3 An enclosure of the requisite dimensions in the immediate vicinity of Bangalore will cost nearly three thousand Rupees, and at Toomkoor

and

and Sanitaspoor about five Thousand Rupees respectively.

4 The Cost of an Establishment ought not to exceed the amount (92 Rupees per Mensem) noted in Mr. Hudson's letter for the 2nd District, I agree with Mr. Mayler that a much larger Staff is required for Bangalore and would suggest the Strength entered in the Margin,

1 Jemadar	Cavalry		36
1 Havildar	Mounted		20
2 Sowars		@ 15.	30
2 Cossids		@ 7	14
8 Peons		@ 5	40
2 Golkars		@ 6.	12.
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5. In Conclusion I would suggest the expediency, I may almost say the necessity, of postponing the introduction of the Sudder System till the beginning of the next Official Year, as Mud Walls cannot be erected during the Monsoon, that is they cannot be commenced before December.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

M S Hobbs
Superintendent
Tumakaroo Division

Bangalore
1st September 1863

No. 89.

Toomkoor District
Deputy Superintendents Office

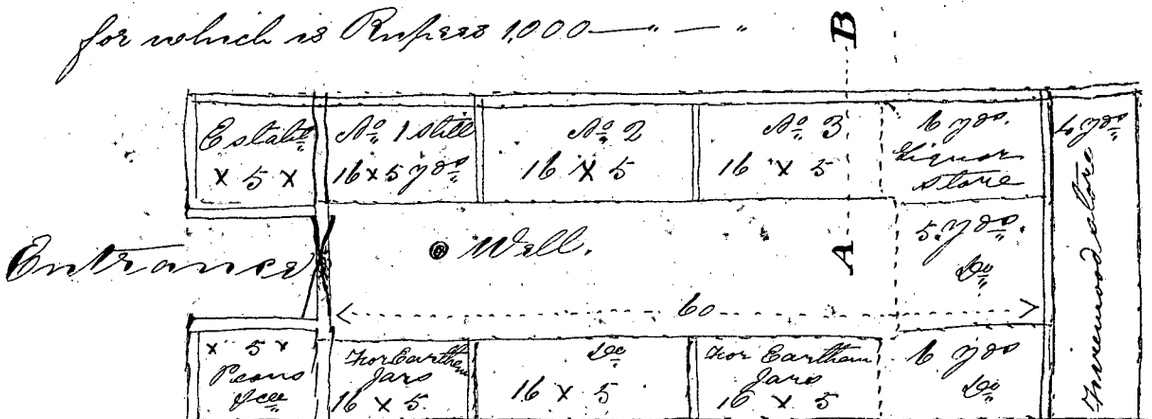
To.

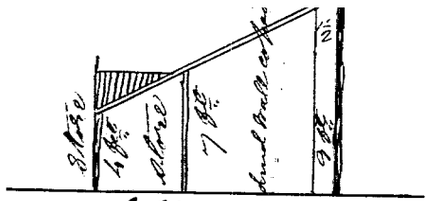
The Superintendent of the
Tumkoor Division

Sir.

With reference to a letter No. 120 of the 25th. October 1862, enclosing Printed correspondence regarding the Dudder Distillery System, which is to come into force on the 1st. November 1863, I have the honor to state that it appears to me that one large Distillery enclosure, as per Sketch, will be sufficient for this District, and that it should be placed about 6 miles north of Toomkoor.

2 In this enclosure, surrounded by a wall 9 feet high, with an internal area of 60 x 30 yards there will be room for the Stills, Store Rooms, & Liquor Godowns, and outside these should be two Sheds, one in the Rear, open, and the other at the entrance, enclosed for the Establishment the rough Estimate for which is Rupees 1000 — " — "





16 Ft. x 8 Ft. x 2½.

3 Three Stills will turn out 20,000 Gallons per annum the calculated District consumption at 18 Degrees "Cartier", but by the accompanying Taloolkwar Revenue Statement it will be seen that Toomkoor and Kortjiri, consume more than all the other Taloolks put together; and for this reason the site has been selected as above.

Taloolks.	Revenue for 1862/63
Toomkoor	5468 — " — "
Kortjiri	2386 — " — "
Lindjiri	1401 — " — "
Coonghull	1310 — " — "
Cundub	1315 — " — "
Toorooveakiri	962 — " — "
Chickmaikenhully	670 — " — "
Honnavelli	511 — " — "
Hooligoordroog for Soorndotty.	316 — " — "
	14.350 — " — "

4. It is thought there should be 130 Licensed Dealers Shops Viz.

In Toomkoor	16
In other Cushabeach 3	24
In Villages	100

the particular Localities of which will be indicated in a separate Statement as well as the number now licensed which is in excess of that proposed.

5. The Still Head duty should be fixed according to the Ordh Rules, on every Gallon passed at a certain Strength and it is absolutely

essential.

essential for this purpose, that the same Gauging
Instruments should every where be used, Cartiers,
is, or was, used in Bangalore, but Sykes Hydrometer
is a more delicate Test, and one of these should be
issued to each District Office, but as they are trou-
blesome to use frequently there should be one or two
made on purpose for each Distillery, that would show
by simple immersion, the strength, above or below
proof, of the Liquor to be tested, and which any Sci-
entific Instrument dealer would send out, to suit
the Temperature, the average of which for the Pro-
vince, might be taken at 75° and the average
Temperature of the Liquor, under cover, perhaps 71° or 72°

6. The Liquor supplied by Messrs Groves & Co., was
delivered at the Bangalore Godown for 1-4-0 per
Gallon, at 30° "Cartier", which would correspond
with about 33 Degrees above proof. This was re-
duced to 18° "Cartier" or about 33 Degrees below Proof,
by adding a similar quantity of water, at which
strength it was issued for consumption in Ban-
galore itself at Rupees 2-8-0 subject to a deduction
of a Vendors Commission of 2 Annas per Gallon,
or at a profit of nearly 300 per cent, and in the
Villages at 1-10-8 subject to a deduction of 1½
Annas per Gallon, which gave a profit of more
than 150 Per Cent.

From this it would appear that Liquor of 33

Degrees

Degrees, below proof, can be manufactured at
profit for 10 Annas a Gallon, by People who
have Machinery similar to that used by the
Reforms Groves, but it is possible with the under
materials at the command of Native Distillers,
that this sum might be exceeded, but assuming
this as a Basis, it would appear fair to charge
duty of 12 Annas a Gallon at the Distillery
on all Liquor manufactured at, and under
3 Degrees below proof, and 2 Rupees per Gallon
on all above that, upto 10 Degrees above proof, as sanc-
tioned in Oudh.

7. On the above data, the Contractor would
have put to an outlay of Rupees 1-6-0 per Gallon, before
the Liquor left the Distillery, and if this were sold
at 2-8-0 in the Cusbahs, and 1-10-8 in the Villages
it would leave him a large margin, as Return
for his Capital, even after the licensed Retail
Dealers fees were deducted from it, and assuming
that every Dram sold by Retail was not further
decreased in strength.

9. These License fees which it is proposed
might be as below.

In Towns 5 Rupees a month for each
Licensed Dealer.

In Cusbahs 4 Rupees — do

In Villages 1 Rupee do

would.

would realize, if the Number of Shops mentioned
in Para 4 were established, a Revenue of Rupees
2.712-.-.- which added to the Duty of 12 Annas
per Gallon on 20,000 Gallons would give
17.712 or Rupees 3362 above the Revenue
in this Branch for last year.

10 It has however occurred to me that the
Contractor, for the manufacture of the Liquor,
would also contract for its sale by his own Agents
in which case the duty might be increased to
perhaps one Rupee per Gallon, on all Liquor of, and
under the strength of 18° Cartier or say 30 Degrees
below Proof - This is opposed to the 7th Para of the
Circular No. 6/1390 but if it were entertained, the
Vendors and places of Vend, should be registered, and the former be subject to exactly the same
supervision, and conditions, as if they paid the
License fee direct to Government.

11 Assuming the 1 Rupee duty only to be levied, a Revenue of Rupees 20,000 would be realized
with the least possible expense of collection, and if
the data are correct, on which these conclusions
are drawn, and it is believed the quantity consumed viz 20,000 Imperial Gallons is under the
mark, then the Contractor would manufacture
at a profit, or at any rate without loss.

	Rupees
20,000 Gallons per Annum costing	12.500-.-.-
Government duty at 1 Rupee	20,000-.-.-
	Retail.

Retail Vendors Commission at
2 Annas per Gallon ... 2500—"—"
Contingencies for Cart hire
to Villages &c.ª ... 1,000—"—"
Total outlay ... 36,000—"—"

and if the sum fixed for the sale per Imperial Gallon be Rupees 2 everywhere, which would allow the "Dram" to be sold for 8 Pice (as it is now sold in this Cusbah) in Town Cusbah or Village which I think should be the case, the total Return would be Rupees ... 40,000—"—"
Yielding a net profit of ... 4,000—"—"
or 11 3/4 per Cent, assuming even that every Dram were retailed, at the regulated strength.

2 Not to allow one Vendor to have more than one Shop, so that each one should be an interested Spy, with an individual Interest, is theoretically perfect, but I am inclined to think it would be found practically impossible to carry it out; and that perhaps an equal safe guard against illicit dealing would be found to be the result of not putting any restraint on private interprise, keeping at the same time a vigilant watch that the conditions laid down to obtain "the largest possible Revenue on the smallest consumption of Liquor" were not transgressed and by punishing promptly all proved instances of Infringement, and

and by paying part of the fine inflicted in such cases, to the Informer.

13. The Special Establishment might consist of

1 Carojah at 20 Rupees		20 — " — "
1 Intendy 12 Rs		12 — " — "
1 Asstt Intendy at 8 Rs		8 — " — "
1 Cuffadar at 6 Rs		6 — " — "
6 Peons at 4 Rs		24 — " — "
1 Gollar at 5 Rs		5 — " — "
2 Stationery Lighters 4 Rs		8 — " — "
		83 — " — " pr

Month or with 4 Rupees added for contingencies in the year 1000 Rupees per annum which deducted from Rupees 20,000 would leave a net income of 19,000 or an increase over last years Revenue of Rupees 4,64,5 — "

14. It is thought that the Establishment as above will be sufficient for all purposes connected with the issue of the Liquor at the standard strength from the Distillery and for the occasional despatch of the Carojah to the Interior and that no other Extra Establishment will be required, because the licensed Dealers will be known and the places of Vend conspicuous from the Sign board that they should be made to and from their Shops, and it would then devolve on the existing Police to bring to notice any en-

croachment

infringements, and also when any suspicion was entertained of any licensed Vendor selling adulterated Liquor, to report this, in order that it might be tested and for which purpose one or two Gauging instruments should be kept in each Taluke, and the hope of a share of any fine inflicted on any one transgressing the Rules would keep the Police on the alert.

I have the honor &c.

(Sgd) J. Puckle.

Deputy Superintendent

Soonkoor
17th July 1863

True Copy

N. Robbs

Superintendent

Ll No 1975 } 1863/64
Rev. " —52— }

Mysore Commr Office.

To The Supt Bundidroog Division

Sir,

I am directed by the Commr to state with reference to your letter No 264/89 of the 1st Inst that, considering the very long notice given regarding the contemplated revision of the System of Abkaree management to be introduced on the 1st Nov 1863, he cannot but express surprise at learning now told that the details have not been settled, as in the Commr's opinion, there was ample time to discuss & termine finally all the minor points before the Monsoon commenced.

2. Before giving a positive answer as to the proposed postponement to

Section 86
File No 4768
Serial No 2

B 4/9/63

~~to the 1st May 1864~~ of
the date from which
the Sudden Distillery
System is to come into
operation, the Comm:
desires to know what
~~arrangements you have~~
in view for the inter-
mediate months in the
3 Districts under your
charge.

I have &c.

HHW

Secretary.

Banyalore
5th Sept. 1863.

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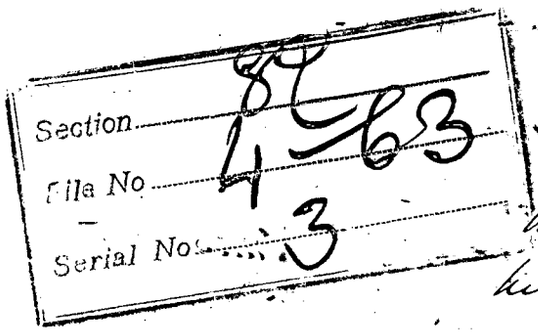
Pathfinder.

To Supt.

As suggested
Wagner -



Sir: The Supt of Nav
Dept having represented
that certain difficulties
exist in the way of introducing
the Sydney Drilling System
in that Division
in the U.S. Navy Yard
I am directed by the Navy
to inquire whether you
are prepared to introduce
the new system in the
Mare Island Navy Yard and if so
whether the postponement
of its introduction in the
Kittery Navy Yard will
affect your arrangements -
If any objections
exist as to adopting
the date originally fixed
they should be fully and
satisfactorily explained

D 4/9/63

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
[illegible]
Engineer

5th Sept 1863

Revenue 1863. No. 1987

Partly Circular 8

The Superintendents of the
Arbitrament and
Magazine Services.

Dec 31/63 No 1987 Sept 30/63 Rec. 31st Sept.

Sir,

I am directed to request that you will inform me whether the establishment of the nitro-glycerine factory at the Ladder Hill Gunpowder Depot in the Neilgherry District, will affect the arrangements for the supply of gunpowder to the Nilgiris.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

From Secretary Nilgiri Govt.
To Superintendent Gunpowder Depot

Revenue. No. 89.

1863-64.

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File No 4 63

Serial No 4

From The Superintendent
Nundidroog Division

To The Secretary to Commr
of Mysore.

Dated 9th September 1863.

Despatched —

Received 10th —

Enclosures, No.

Genl No. 276

Rev: " 92

Subject.

Reports on the advisability of continuing the existing Abkarry Contract till the close of the official year.

Orders

Ans 11/963

The existing contract may, under the circumstances represented, be continued till the close of the official year B 10/9/63

11 Ans 2 Rev — 12-9-63.

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Kundadroog Division,
Superintendents Office.

General No: 278
Rev. 92

To:
The Secretary to the
Commissioner for the Government
of the Territories of His Highness
the Rajah of Mysore.
Bangalore.—

Sir,

I have the honor in reply to your letter No: 1975/52 Rev: of the 5th instant, to state for the information of the Commissioner that there will be no difficulty or inconvenience in continuing the existing Abkarry Contract till the close of the official year, in fact such an arrangement will be in many respects highly convenient.—

2 I may be permitted to further remark that the monsoon had set in before I received the Commissioner's instructions (dated 15th June) to have mud walls constructed, and that at a cost of only 500 Rupees, my anxiety to meet the views of Mr Bowring to the utmost, as respects expenditure combined with my conviction that nothing could possibly be done till after the monsoon will I hope be considered a sufficient apology for not reporting again

till

till I had obtained all possible in=
formation from Mr Mergler. the
Public Works Department and Major
Puckle, I may add that I had several
consultations with the Abkarry Contractor
and the Executive Engineer on the subject,
and inspected the proposed site for the
Bangalore distillery near the 3rd Milestone
on the Mysore Road.—

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant

W Dobbs
Superintendent

Bangalore
9th September
1863.

Genl N° 2065
Revenue — 54

To Mysore Comm'r's Office

To The Supt dt Mundidroog

Sir

Section SR
File No 4-63
Serial No 5

I am desired by the Comm'r to state, in reply to your letter N° 278/92 of the 9th Inst. that under the circumstances represented, the existing Abkaree Contract throughout your Division may be continued till the close of 1863-64.

D 11/9/63

2. Reverting to your letter N° 264/89 of the 1st Inst, the Comm'r requests that the necessary Estimates for the Midder Distillery Building may be prepared & submitted in due course, the usual course, from the Chief Engineer in Mysore ~~and submitted~~, the question of Establishment being

~~the~~ reserved for future consideration.

I am desired to remark that the Accountant furnished by the Mysore contains several

I have &c. observations which are worthy of consideration

Bangalore 12th Sept 1863

Secretary.

To Acting Auditor & Accountant.

Copy of para 1 to Supt dg Ashtagram and Mysur for information, Gt-2064 Dt-401 in continuation of Gt-Gn-2066 Dt-400 Party Circular No. 1987/8 dg 5 Sept 1863.

12th Sept 1863.

Revenue 1863. No. 2065
54

To
The Superintendent of
Naval Ordy Dept

Dated
Recd 12th September

General No. 2065
54

In reply to R. No. 278/92 of the 9th Instant
states that under the circumstances
represented sanctions the continuance
of the Advance Contract throughout the
Dept till the Close of 1863/64. also perusing
to R. No. 264/89 of the 1st Inst. states that the
Estimates for the Sudder Distillery
Buildings may be prepared and the
question of Establt being reserved for
Consideration and conveys remarks on
Adv. Mr Ogilvie's Memorandum.

Copy sent to Supt of Distilt
& Inquir Dept No. 2066/400 2067/401 of
17 Feb 1865 Genl

Revenue 1863. No. 2065
54

To
The Superintendent of
Sundi Army &c.

Dated
Despd 3 12th September

Genl No. 2065
54.

In reply to R. 276/92 of the 9th Instant
states that under the circumstances
represented sanctions the continuance
of the Abkhanee Contract throughout his
&c. till the close of 1863/64. also perusing
to R. 264/89 of the 12th Instt states that the
Estimates for the Sudder Distillery
Buildings may be prepared and the
question of Establt being reserved for
consideration and conveys remarks on
Mr. Morgan's Memorandum.

Copy sent to Supt of Estt
& Inquire Dno 2066/400 2067/401 of
12 Aug 2 Septr Etc Etc. Posted 12-9-63.

Section SR

File No 463

Serial No 6

Received

1863-64.

From The Superintendent Nundidroog Division

To The Secretary to the Govt of India

Dated 29 Sept 1863

Despatched 30th do

Received 5th Octr.

Enclosures, No. 2

No 331

Dated 10 Sept 1863

Subject.

Forwards copies of letters from Lieut Lovedrum Dist Supt & Mr J. Inglis - commissioner - observations & suggestions respecting the introduction of the Sudder Distillery system.

Orders

3/64 ASW

Genl No 331
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Mundiadroog Division
Superintendent's Office

To

The Secretary to the Commissioners
for the Government of the
Territories of the Rajah of Mysore
Bangalore.

Sir

I have the honor to forward
Copies of the letters marginally noted, the Originals of which accompanied my letter No 264 of 89 of the 1st
Instant, having been returned
by you dear officially

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt

Bangalore
29th Sept 1863

N Webbe
Superintendent

From Dept Supt Coorg Division
No 89 of 1st July 1863
Rec'd 2nd Inst. Aug 4th 1863

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To

Lieutenant Colonel R. S. Dobbs.
Superintendent Nundidroog Division.
Bangalore.

Sir,

Having been kindly favored with an interview by the Commissioner, on the subject of the Change about to be Carried out in the Abkarree System, by the introduction of Sudder Distilleries, that Gentleman was kindly pleased to say that if I would put any proposals I had to make in writing they would be looked into.

After having carefully perused the Circulars on the Subject and the Directions to Revenue Officers, which you were kindly pleased to lend me, I beg respectfully to submit for Consideration a few points under separate heads which appear to me as likely to effect the efficient working of the System.

I Buildings &c for Sudder Distilleries.

From the large quantity of Liquor required in the Cantonment, Pettah Anthroff, and Mulgunddee, I would beg to recommend that Considerable Space should be allowed not less than 250 by 500 feet, to give Accommodation for the large quantity of Materials required in the preparation of the daily Supplies, and where not fewer than from between 10 to 30 Carts would find ingress and egress daily, a pucka built wall would be more Secure and in the End more economical.

The Talook Distilleries may be of a less expensive description, The Gurkhah at Goodiboondah will with a few repairs / to the extent of Rupees 200/ Answer the purpose.

The new Distillery to be erected at Srinivaspoor, will require a Surrounding Wall Enclosing a Space of not less than 150 by 200 feet. The Gurkhah at Chinnapatam where Batavia only is made for the Cantonment, but which Could be made available for Arack also, is my own property, but being situated in an unhealthy locality / having lost four men within the last twelve months / if Government will be pleased to allot me a piece of ground in a more Suitable Situation I shall have the Distillery built with the present materials at my own Expence

II. Establishments.

The Scale laid down in Circular letter No 6/1390 Para 10, I would respectfully Submit is at the Commencement insufficient, I also observe from this Para, that the expences allowed for the Talook's will exceed 3 Per Cent of the Revenue, while those for the Cantonment Pettah &c will be under 1 Per Cent, It may not be out of place here to notice that no provision is made for the detection of Illicit Manufacture which under the present System does exist and may be expected to continue under the Sudder, where the temptation will perhaps be even greater, and as an instance of what has taken place I may refer to a Case that was brought to your notice Some months back, wherein a most respectable man was Concerned in An Illicit Still, and which you at once put a stop to, ordering that I

Should

should be reimbursed for the loss I had sustained thereby.

III Duty to be levied.

In Para 6 of the Circular above alluded to, 12 Rupees per Gallon was considered to be a fair average for the first year, but I would beg to observe that from the average in the performance of this duty they need not repudiate any Contractment for the last year in the Salem Contract and Pettah of Bangalore, one desire to encourage a duty would result in a loss to Government increase the of upwards of 50 per cent, I would further suggest, that there should be two consumption of liquor to Discriminating Liquor Rates of duty, the highest for the Cantonment Their object is to bring and Pettah, the lowest for the Talookes, under contribution where the working population is not in a all that is now con- condition to pay the higher Rate, and caused & in so doing which would have the injurious effect they can persuaded that of driving them to Toddy and Drugs, and they oppose the alteration to be deprecated not only as best Articles to relates to the Consumers themselves, but increase consump- also as being at variance with the orders tion. laid down in the 2nd Para Page 407 of "the Directions." And which for easy reference I beg to annex in the Margin.

IV Levy

Abkarie Circular No 8/61 determines that the duty levied on Spirit for 1862/63 should be as follows.

"Spirits of a Strength less than 25° below Proof vide pay 2 Rupees per Gallon"

"Spirits more than 25° below Proof will pay Rupees 1-8-0"

With reference to the Issue of Spirit from the Distillery of two different densities, I would with all respect beg to state that such a System would render detection of fraud difficult, and would cause quantity entail a loss on the Government.

Sykes.

"Sykes' Hydrometer is no doubt the best, being Regulated According to Temperature, but it is an instrument not easily understood by all, "Cartes' Hydrometer now in use is more Suitable for an equable Climate like that of India And is easily understood by the meanest Capacity.

V Licence Fee for Each Shop.

The Sale of Liquor even in the Cantonments varies greatly According to locality, of the Sixty five Shops, some Sell as much as 150 Gallons per mensem, while others not more than 30 in the Same period, I would therefore Consider the Sum of 8 Annas per day heavy for the latter Class of Shops, for the first Year, I would respectfully Suggest that the fee should be levied on a Scale according to the quantity Sold, — Kusbahs in the Talooks might be assessed at the lowest Rate, And Villages where but little is Sold being free for the first year, all authorized Fees I should be willing to Collect for the Government

VI Restricting Sales to Licensed Shops.

I would respectfully beg to recommend that Liquor should be Sold only at Such Shops as are Licensed and Authorized by the Government but that the Vendors And the price at which it is Sold be left (as Noted in the Circular Para 8) to the Distiller, who possesses a Check against Fraud in the Knowledge of the quantity issued by him from the Distillery.

VII Prepayment of Duty at the Still Head

In the Cantonment And Pettah there are One Hundred Shops, whose requirements for the day are divided equally, half being Served in the morning And half in the Evening, I need not point out the Confusion and difficulty which exist in Supplying Each with daily their daily demand, all anxious to be first Served, The Sup-

supply of Liquor begins at 8 A.M. lasting till past 11. The Servants of the Establishment then retire for their food, till 3 P.M. when the supply is again resumed, lasting often till late in the Evening. But when so much Calculation would be necessary for receiving payments at the Distillery Gate, it would be much more difficult to get through the business of the day, and would favor fraud, I would therefore respectfully suggest that all Liquor should only be removed from the Distillery in Casks bearing progressive numbers, and containing known quantities, which quantity should be Cut or painted in legible figures on each end of the Cask. A receipt for the same should be given to the Gomashta or Abkaree Officer on its being removed. At the end of the month a Statement of these Receipts would be forwarded to the District Officer and the amount be paid into the nearest Treasury. But should Government prefer payment at the Still Head, that under the Cask System might be adopted, but in my humble opinion the former system would be to the greater advantage of Government in Saving of labor to its Officers and in Saving in Establishments.

In Conclusion I would respectfully beg to state that the foregoing Remarks based on the Circular orders and the experience I have had in the working of the Abkaree for the last 15 months in Chandidroog Division, three years in Nulgherry Hills and Coimbatore District are advanced in no Spirit of opposition to the Rules issued by Government, which whatever they be, shall at all times Command my most Zealous Co-operation, but only with an anxious desire to place before you in as brief a manner as I was capable of doing the different points wherein in my humble opinion

A slight deviation from the Rules issued for the guidance of officers, would not only promote the efficient working of the system in Bangalore, and the other Districts, but also be to the advantage of Government.

Should you in your Superior judgement think it worthy of consideration, I beg you will be pleased to submit the same with your support to the Commissioners.

I beg to remain &c.
(Signed) J. Mengles.

Bangalore
4th August 1863.

True Copy.

N S Dobbs
Superintendent.

increase respectable men
to embark in the undertaking
as it would giving them a
prior claim. At the
same time the less the
Govt are directly concerned
[illegible] in levying the Duty
the better. Should it
however be found impossible
to effect this, the charge
must be borne by Govt

B 15/10/[illegible]

Section SB
File No 4 63
Serial No 7

Revenue — No. 54
S/ 1863.

From The Superintendent Sugar

To The Secretary & to the Comm in [illegible]

Dated 9 October
Despatched 10 do
Received 14th do

Enclosures, No. 2

[illegible] No. 172
Rev. 42

Subject

Encloses for the Commission's Consideration copy of Correspondence between the Offg. Supdt. of Cuddalore & this Office on the subject of the Erection of a Sudr Distillery [illegible]

[illegible]

Ans. with papers [illegible]

14/10/63

that I consider that Distillers should erect their own sheds, as this would tend to

Reg 5. Dft Pro: ——— 19/10/63.

General No. 172 } 1863/64 Nuggur Division
Rev. " 42. } Superintendents Office

From

Captain C. Elliot C.B
Superintendent of the
Nuggur Division

To Captain A. C. Hay
Secretary to the Commissioner for
the Government of the Territories
H. H. the Maha Raja of Mysore

I have the honor to enclose, for the Commissioners consideration, copy of a letter received from the Offg. Deputy Superintt. of Budoor together with a copy of the estimate which accompanied it & of my reply, having reference to the erection of a Suddr. Distillery at Tareekaray-

It is evident that even after dispensing with the less necessary portion of the Estimate such as the charge for plastering &c. the amount sanctioned (Rs. 500 for each distillery) is still insufficient to meet the expense of erecting sheds within the enclosures (which must it is presumed be of more durable construction & have tiled roofs to guard against fire); - & altho from the tenor of the 1st para of the Auditors letter

letter No. 68 of the 6th June 1863 stated to be the Commissioners wish that the expense of erecting Sheds should not be borne by the Government; in letter No. 99 from the same authority of the 15th idem Sheds are stated to be included in the budget provision of Rs. 500.

3 Under these circumstances I shall feel obliged by your favouring me with the Commissioners instructions as to whether the distillers who engage to occupy the Suddr distillery should be called upon to erect Sheds or whether some further provision can be made from other monies in the Budget for this purpose. To the former proposition I believe that a ready assent would be given, as respectable parties will be selected for the privilege of occupying the Suddr distilleries, who might under ordinary circumstances reckon on an extended tenure.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient servant

Superintendent

Shimoga
9th October 1863

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No. 164

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Deputy Superintendents Office
Cudoor District.

From

Captain T. Acton
Offg. Deputy Superintendent
of the Cudoor District

To Captain C. Elliot C.B
Superintendent of the Sugar Dy.

Sir,

With reference to the Commissioners sanction for a Distillery to be formed at Surekere as well as Chekmooglioor, I have the honor to forward copy of an Estimate for Surekere Distillery for the five Saloons, & beg to request the favor of your sanction to the same or of your allowing me to proceed with the work at once.

I have &c
(signed) T. Acton
Offg. Deputy Supt.

Chekmooglioor
5th October 1863

Sugar Division
Superintendents Office

No. 219

To The Offg. Deputy Superintendent of
Cudoor

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 164 of the 5th October forwarding an estimate for the erection of the Cudder distillery at Terrikerray I have the honor to observe that as a sum of Rs. 500 only has been provided

provided in the Budget for the expense of erecting each Sudder distillery the strictest economy must be used in constructing the work.

The enclosing wall should be of mud & should not be less than 10 feet high and if advantage is taken of a nullah or the waste weir of a tank the expense of a well may be saved; - should this not be practicable a common pot well which would be sufficient could I imagine be made for less than Rs 40.

3. You will be good enough to proceed at once with the enclosing wall availing yourself of what convict labour may be at your disposal pending a reply to a communication on the subject addressed by me to the Commissioner, as on its completion the distiller would be enabled to commence operations under a temporary shed.

I have &c
(Signed) C. Elliot
Superintendent

Shimoga
8th October 1863

(True Copies)

Superintendent

Section 51
File No 4763
Serial No 8

D 16/10/63

Bangalore
19th October 1863

To Actg Audr & Accts

Copy of the above & of the letter under reply to Sup dts of Mundidroog & Ashtagram for information.

16. 16th Oct 1863.

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9th Inst, I am directed
by the Comm: to state
that he considers that
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their own Sheds as
this would tend to
discourage respectable men
to embark in the un-
dertaking, by giving them
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moreover ~~assume~~ the help the for-
mer directly concerned,
except in levying the duty,
the better. Should it
however be found im-
possible to effect this, the
charge should be borne
by Govt.

I have &
&c
Secretary.

Revenue 1863 No. 2590
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To

Supt. of Sugar

d/and d/d. 19th Oct.

Genl. No. 2590
Rev. 38 } 1863/64

In reply to No. 172/42 d/9th inst. states that the Commr. thinks that Distillers should erect their own sheds; but that if otherwise the charge should be borne by Govt.

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Asst. WR

Noted Rec. 5 Dft. Rp. — 19/10/63.

2591 2592.

Genl N° 2590
Revenue " 38 } 1863/64

To Mysore Commrs Office

To The Supt Ryot. D

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In reply to your

Section 57
File No 4763
Serial No 8

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possible to effect this, th
charge should be borne
by Govt.

I have &
sdh
Secretary.

Bangalore
19th October 1863

To Acty Audr & Acctt

Copy of the above & of the letter under reply to
Supt dtd 17th Instant & Asstt Agent for infor-
mation.

N° 2592/504
" 2591/505.

16. 19th Oct 63.

Revenue 1863 No. 2590
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To

Supt. of Augur ——

d/and dpd. 19th Oct.

Genl. No. 2590
Rev. 38 } 1863/64

In reply to No. 172/42 d/9th
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Audit D
Oct. 1863

Noted Rec. 5 Dr. Pro. —— 19/10/63.

sanction may be given to the steps in the Budget of this year's projects, but as it is essential that the buildings should be ready by the 1 May, it will be necessary that their construction should be undertaken before that date, an advance being made specially for the purpose.

I would observe, with regard to the plan, that it is not desirable that there should be more than a single entrance to the enclosure, and that therefore the extra doors shown in the plan might, with advantage, be dispensed with.

D 1/12/63

Mysore Public Works Dept.
Central Office
Current Account Branch

1863/64. No 422

From Offg Chief Engineer in Mysore

To, The Secretary to the Commissioner of Mysore

Dated 30th November 1863.

Despatched 1st December 1863.

Received 1st December 1863.

Enclosures 2 Plans, 2 Estimates, 1 List in duplicate

Subject

Submits Estimates with Plans amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 5,140 for constructing a compound wall near Bangalore Doorcoor and Stone-wall for enclosure arrack distilleries and for erecting rooms for Mootaudars and peons, and requests sanction to their entry in the ensuing Budget. Who Gen 30/11/63

1890 — Mysore Public Works Department

Section 86
File No 4 of 93
Serial No 9

Central Office
Current Branch

From

Major D. H. Lankey R.E.
Officiating Chief Engineer in Mysore

To

The Secretary to the Commissioner
for the Government of the Territories of
His Highness the Rajah of Mysore.

Dated the 28th November 1863.

Sir,

With reference to your letter to the Superintendent Bundypoorg Division — No. 2045/54 dated 12th September 1863, I have the honor to submit the accompanying 2 Plans and Estimates, amounting to Rs. 5,140 as detailed below, and to request the Commissioner's sanction to their entry in the ensuing Budget, as no funds are available from the "Reserve" for expenditure in the Current Official year.

	Rs.
Constructing a compound wall near Bangalore to enclose an arrack distillery and for erecting rooms for Mootteuddies and Peons	2,764
Do. Do. at Toomcoor and Shreenevasapore at Rs. 1,188 each	2,376
	5,140

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt
D. H. Lankey Major R.E.

Bangalore
28th November
1863.

(Original)

MYSORE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

CENTRAL OFFICE.

NO. 29.

List of Estimates recommended for sanction by the (Officiating) Chief Engineer on the 28th November 1863.

No.	Executive Division.	Classification of work.	DESCRIPTION OF WORK.	Letter marked on Estimate.	Amount of Estimate.	TOTAL.	REMARKS.
439	Bangalore	Original	Constructing a Compound Wall near Bangalore to enclose an Arrack Distillery and for erecting Rooms for Instruments and Pons	A	2764		Sanctioned by the Commission
440	Do	Do	Do Do at Soonicoor and Straina = = ssapore at Rupees 1188 each	BB	2376		Secretary.
			Total Rupees			5140	

BANGALORE,
28th November 1863.

Major, R.E.

Officiating Chief Engineer in Mysore.

Original

No. 29-

List of Estimates recommended for Sanction by the Officiating Chief Engineer on the 28th November 1863.

Amounting to Rs. 5,740.-

Printed at the Columbian Press—Bangalore. 1863.

Gl. N° 3260 } 1863/64.
P.W.D. 265 }

Up Mysore Commr's Office

To The Offg Chief Engr in Mysore.

Section SB
File No 463 for
Serial No 10

Estimate for constructing a Compound wall near Banga-lore to enclose an Arrack Distillery, & Rooms for 2 Mohtasuddees & 7 Peons. R: 2764.
Estimate for ditto ditto ditto at Tumkur, and Sri-nivaspore @ R: 1188 each R: 2376
R: 5040

In returning here-with Estimates submitted with your letter N° 1896 of the 28th Ult° I am directed by the Commr to state that the sanction their entry in the Budget of 1864-65, but as it is essential that the buildings should be ready for use by the 1st May next it will be necessary that their construction be undertaken in time to ensure their completion before that date; an advance being made from Imperial funds specially for the purpose.

2. The Commr observes with reference to the plans that it is not desirable to have

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herewith returned, with dupt in duplicate per R: 5040.

* will follow

more than a single entrance to the enclosure, and that therefore the extra doors shown might, with advantage, be dispensed with.

I have &c
Asst
Secretary

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Camp at Saugor
3d Dec 1863

~~Dept of D.~~
Dept 14 —

To Andrews & Reed

1863 — No 3260
P.W.D. 245

To

The Offg. Chief Engr
in Mysore

Dated 3rd
& 14th Dec.r

Gt. No 3260 } 1863/64 —
P.W.D. - 245 }

In reply to letter
No 1890 of the 28th Ult. returns
the Estimate & conveys sanction
to his entering the Propsls
in the Budget of 64/65, but remarks
that the buildings should be
ready for use by 1st. May &
that an advance for this
purpose should be made from Govt
funds.

18-12-20

Noted
Vasudevan Pillai
Asst. Secy. to Govt.
12/12/20

Mysore Public Works Dept.
Central Office
Account Branch.

No. 1483

1863/64. No. 433

From Offg. Asst. Chief Engineer in Mysore

To The Secy. to the Commr. of Mysore

Dated 14th December 1863.

Despatched

Received 21st

Enclosures No

Subject

Requests that the amount specified within may be placed at his disposal from General funds, repayable on next year's Budget allowing sanction

Order

Court 21/12/63

Convey sanction.
To Account Dept.
D 21/12/63

22 Aug 5 Abstract 26/12/63

Section SR
File No 4-63
Serial No 11

Aug. 31. 1863 No. 3487

No. 1783

Mysore Public Works Department,
Central Office
Accounts Branch

From,

Major R. N. Lankey R.C.
Officiating Chief Engineer
in Mysore.

To,

The Secretary to the Commissioner
for the Government of the Territories
of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore.
Dated the 17th December 1863.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. General 3260. / P.W.D. 245. of the 3rd Instant returning Sanctioned Estimates for Constructing Compounds Walls to enclose Arrack Distilleries at Bangalore, Soonkoor and Shimasoor and with reference thereto, to request that instructions may be issued to place the following amounts at my disposal from general funds, repayable on the ensuing years Budget receiving Sanction.

District	In whose favor	Amount Rupees
Bangalore	Executive Engineer Bangalore Division	2,764
Colar	do	1,188
Soonkoor	Executive Engineer Chittledroog Division	1,188
	Total Rupees	5,140

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servant

D. B. Lawley Major R.E.

Officiating Chief Engineer

in Mysore.

Bangalore

17th December 1863

Ff. N 3487 & 1863/64.
Finance 186

Mysore Commr's Office.

To The Offg Chief Engineer in Mysore.

Section SB
File No 4-163
Serial No 12

Sir

With reference to your letter N° 1783 of the 17 inst. I am directed by the Comm.r to convey sanction to the sums marginally noted being placed at your disposal from General funds subject to refund from the D.P.W. Budget grant of 1864-65.

Rs. 27/64 Bangalore Divn.
" 1188 Colar —do—
" 1188 Tumkur —do—

for the construction of Civil buildings to Attack Distl. Jails.

Camp Coonjedroog
23rd Dec.r 1863.

Despd 31st Dec.r 1863.

Have &c
HHW
Secretary.

To Acting Auditor & Accountant

1863 — No. 3487

Fund. 186.

To

The Offg. Chief Engr.

in Lucknow.

Dated 23rd

Ult. 31st Decr.

GL No 3684 } 1863/64.

Finance 186 }

In reply to No 1783 dy

Pt. and conveys reduction to the

sums noted in margin being placed

at his disposal from Grant for Bds

subject to a refund from P.W.D.

Budget grant of 64-65.

Notes

The projects for the Sir Sudder distilleries and may be struck out; Budget & the amount of Stamp Duty on the Contract Bond may be returned.

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No 443

Mysore Public Works Depart
Central Office
Current Branch

No 2211

1863/64

From The Chief Engineer
in Mysore

To The Secretary to the Commissioner of Mysore

Dated 21st January 1864

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No

Subject

Requests to Commission authority to cancel the Estimates for constructing the arrack Distilleries near Bangalore and at Utrene vide Estimates entered in the Budget of 1864/65.

Also requests that the accompanying stamped Contract Bond for the Bangalore Distillery may be cancelled and the Amount Rs 10 returned to this Office.

Copy to Collector & Asst C. Bangalore

No. 2211 S

Mysore Public Works Department

Central Office

Current Branch

From

Major R. H. Sankey R.E.

Offg. Chief Engineer in Mysore

To

The Secretary to the Commissioner

for the Government of the Territories of

His Highness the Rajah of Mysore.

Dated the 17th January 1864.

Sir,

Being informed by the Executive Engineer Bangalore Division that Messrs Mergler, the Akkarer Contractor, has commenced the construction at his own expense of the new Buildings recently sanctioned in connection with the Arrack Distilleries near Bangalore and at Sreenivasapoor, I have the honor to request the Commissioner's authority to cancel the Estimates for the works entered in the Budget of 1864/65. That for Toomcoor Rs. 1,188 will be allowed to stand.

Secretary's No. 2263 of 31st Dec. 1863

Bangalore Rupees 2,764
Sreenivasapoor Rupees 1188
Rupees 3952

2. I further request the favor of the accompanying stamped Contract Bond for the Bangalore Distillery

may

may be cancelled and the Amount Rs. 10 returned to this Office.

Bangalore
11th January
1864

I have the
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

E. W. Lumsden Major R.E.
Offg. Chief Engineer in Mysore

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1864. No 3759
WD 301

From Secretary

To Chief Engineer
in Mysore.

Dated 15th } January
Despatched 19 }
Received

Section SR
File No 4-63
Serial No 14

Enclosures No. One - Cypher

No 3759
WD 301 Subject ~~Amount of the estimate for~~ Convey sanction to the ~~Revised Estimate for the 1864-65~~ ~~Budget of the~~ Projects noted ~~entered in the Budget 1864-5~~ below, in consequence of their construction having been undertaken by Mr Thevenet, the Abkaree Contractor; and Directions Cancelled, the Contract Bond submitted with the Stamp duty of Rs: 10 ~~inclusive of Treasury charges which will be repaid on application by the Treasury Officer~~ intimation that the

B 15/1/64 Secretary

Secretary

Sroddur Distillery near Bangalore Rs: 2764.
—do— do— at Srinivaspoor " 1188.
Acts Audr's Accts
No 2 dated the 21/1/64

Genl: No. 607 55
Rec: 157

Bangalore Superintendents Office.

To.

The Secretary to the Commissioner
for the Government of the Territories
of the Rajah of Mysore.
~~Bangalore~~ Seringapatam 30th March 1864.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the
final instructions of the Commissioner to commence the Sudder Distillery System from the 1st May next, as the Distillery enclosures will I hope be ready for occupation by that time.

2. I proposed a Scale of Establishments in my letters No. 27 dated 10th June 1863, and No. 284 (Rev. 89) dated 1st September 1863, which the Commissioner intimated (vide your letter No. 20 (Rev. 5) of 12th Sept/63) would be reserved for future consideration.

3. I proposed in my former letter the appointment of one Daroga on Rupees 100:-:- for the whole District establishment which on further consideration I do not think would answer, as each Deputy Superintendent ought to have undivided control over all Public Servants employed in his District. I have therefore prepared a revised list which is herewith sub-

mitted

mitted for the Commissioners consider-
ion

4. The other questions to be decided
are: 1st the distillers. 2dly Licensed and
number of Shops required. 3dly the a-
mount of duty to be levied on Spirits

Mr. Munger has been permitted
to erect Distillery Compounds at his
own expence, and he is confident of
his ability to supply the quantity
of Spirit likely to be consumed in the
Bangalore and Colar Districts, under
these circumstances it appears desi-
rable to try the experiment of em-
ploying one respectable individual
in those Districts, an arrangement
which is at first calculated to ensure
uniformity and one which will on
the first introduction of the system
be decidedly convenient.

5. It will be necessary to reduce
the number of Shops and to make
some changes in the distribution
of those retained; the Commissio-
ner has already authorized the re-
moval of all Toddy and Arrack
Shops which are situated beyond
Village bounds and Police Super-
vision.

Toddy Sellers ought in my
opinion to be required to take out
Licenses equally with Arrack Sellers,
one License being sufficient when
both articles are sold in the same

Shop

shop and by the same individual

8. I have called on Deputy Superintendents to report on the subject and also requested Mr. Munger to furnish a statement at his earliest convenience of the number of Shops he would recommend especially in the Cantonment I would here remark that it may be considered only just to keep over the amount realised by Fees on Toddy licenses to the Toddy-Drawers on the first introduction of the License System

9 The most important and pressing question to be determined is the rate of duty to be imposed, I fully concur with Mr. Munger that a higher rate of duty ought to be levied on Spirits consumed in the Town and Cantonment of Bangalore, and would suggest that 2 Rupees per gallon would be fair while 12 annas or one Rupee would be sufficient in all other Towns throughout the Division. It is evident that in Bangalore alone could any efficient control over the sale of Spirits be exercised so as to ensure the higher scale being paid and there are no special reasons that I am aware of for imposing the higher rate elsewhere.

16. If any views meet with the Commissioners approval, I have to request his authority for issuing the following Circular Orders to have effect from 1st May 1864 with the understanding that Mr. Mengler will carry out the arrangements in the Bangalore and Kolar Districts.

Proposed Circular.

1st. That all private Distilleries are to cease from the 1st May. Stills with all their appurtenances found at work after that date to be confiscated. Any individual who may subsequently set up a Still to be fined in the Sum of 100 Rupees one half of which to be paid to the informer.

2? All Toddy and Arrack Sellers to apply at once to Amildars for licenses the fees on which will vary from 3 to 10 Rupees per mensem in Country Towns and in Bangalore from 7 to 15 Rupees, the amount to be regulated by the quantity sold

3? All Toddy and Arrack Shops situated outside Villages to be established or removed to some Village on 1st May.

4th All Spirit Sellers are to purchase after 1st May Spirits from the nearest Govt. Distillery.

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11. I would observe that some contusion and loss of Revenue may be expected at first and that it will be necessary to show some consideration and indulgence to offenders against orders who may ignorantly act contrary to Government regulations.

12. I take the liberty of forwarding copy of an original letter from Mr. Murgler which I submitted with my letter No. 331 of 29th Septr. 1863, Rev. 10.2 as I think his suggestions in connection with the employment of his own services generally more especially in Bangalore might be adopted with advantage

13. I would request the instructions of the Commissioner for my guidance as to how I am to deal with the Abkaree in event of the not unlikely contingency of the Stills not being at work in sufficient time to admit of the quantity of Spirits required being manufactured within the enclosures.

14. Perhaps the best plan would be to place the Government Establishments over the Contractors Spirit Stores and to collect the duty on the daily consumption, otherwise to keep an account of the quantity issued from the Stores including the amount of duty

due thereon which could be recovered at the end of the month.

5. In conclusion I would anticipation respectfully submit for the consideration of the Commissioner for any defects that may be found in my proposed arrangements, for though I have given much attention to the subject I am conscious that many contingencies may arise for which I may not have provided.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed.t Serv.t

R. J. Dobbs
Superintendent

P.S. I have just ascertained that Mr. Humphrey is constructing an Enclosure in the Toomkoor District; also, having arranged with Major Puckle to supply the Spirits required for the consumption of the Toomkoor District. The building is about a mile and half from Toomkoor on the Shimogah Road.

R.J.D

Scale of Establishment proposed for the Distilleries in the Nundidroog Division for the collection of the Abkaree Revenue under the license system

Scale experimentally sanctioned for the Ashtagram division					Scale proposed for the Nundidroog Div.				
No.	Designation	Rate of Monthly Pay		Total cost per mensem	No.	Designation	Rate of Monthly Pay	Total cost per mensem	Grand Total
1	Mutsuddy	25	" "		1	Bangalore distillery			
1	Jester	15	" "		1	Deputy Darogah	50	" "	
1	Duffadar	10	" "		1	Head Mutsuddy	25	" "	
6	Peons @ Rs. 7	42	" "		1	assistant do	15	" "	
	Total monthly cost of one distillery			92 " "	1	Jester	15	" "	
					1	Duffadar	10	" "	
	annual cost of one distillery			1104 " "	1	Naigue	8	" "	
					4	Peons @ Rs. 7	28	" "	
					4	Peons @ Rs. 6	24	" "	
						Contingencies	8	" "	183 " "
	annual cost of 5 distilleries at the above rate			5520 " "	4	Interior Distilleries			
					4	Darogahs @ 35 Rs.	140	" "	
					4	Mutsuddies at 25 "	100	" "	
					4	Jesters " 15 "	60	" "	
					4	Duffadars " 8 "	32	" "	
					20	Peons " 6 "	120	" "	332 + 83
						Contingencies @ Rs. 5 to each distillery	20	" "	
						Total monthly cost for the division			472 " "
						Cost per annum			
						annual cost of 5 distilleries at the Ashtagram rate			
						Difference			

By Col Dobbie Note — Lt Col T Douglas
has the Bangalore - 1 — at 50
Nonicoor - 1 — 30
Mar - 1 — 30
3 110
Annual 1320 — in the Annual Cost

N Douglas
Sept

To

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Lieutenant Colonel R L Cobbs
Superintendent Rundadroog Division
Bangalore

Sir

Having been kindly favored with a interview by the Commissioner on the subject of the change about to be carried out in the Abkarree System by the introduction of Sudder Distilleries, that Gentleman was kindly pleased to say that if I wou put any propositions, I had to make in writing the would be looked into.

After having carefully perused the circulars on the subject and the Directions to Revenue Officers which you were kindly plea to lend me I beg respectfully to submit for consideration a few points under separate heads, which appear to me as likely to effect the efficient working of the System

II Buildings &c. for Sudder Distilleries

From the large quantity of Liquor required in the Cantonment Pettah Sultanpet and Wallagadies I would beg to recommend that Consiterable Space should be allowed not less than 2.5 by 500 feet to give accommodation for the large quantity of materials required in the preparation of the daily supplies and where not fewer than from between 10 to 30 Carts would find ingress and egress daily a Pucka built Wall would be more secure and in the end more economical.

The Talook Distilleries may be of

a less expensive description The Karkanna at Goodabundee will with a few repairs do to the extent of Rupees 200/ answer the purpose

The new Distillery to be erected at Trini-vaspoon, will require a surrounding Wall enclosing a space of not less than 150 by 200 feet. The Karkannah at Chinnapatam where no Bataviu only is made for the Cantonment, but which could be made available for arrack also, is my own property but being situated in an unhealthy locality / having lost four men within the last two or three months / if Government will be pleased to allot me a piece of ground in a more suitable situation, I shall have the Distillery built with the present materials at my own Expense.

III Establishments—

The Scale laid down in Circular No. 6/1390 Para 10 I would respectfully submit is at commencement insufficient, I also observe from this para that the expenses allowed for the Salaries will exceed 3 Per Cent of the Revenue while those for the Cantonment of Pettah &c will be under 1 per cent. It may not be out of place here to notice that no provision is made for the detection of illicit manufacture which under the present System does exist, and may be expected to continue under the Sudder, where the temptation will perhaps be even greater and as an instance of what has taken place I may refer to a case that was brought to your notice some months back wherein a most respectable man was concerned in an illicit Still and which your at once put a stop to, ordering that I should be Reimbursed for the last I had sustained thereby

IIII Duty to be Levied—

In Para 6 of the Circular above alluded to 12 annas Gallon was considered to be a fair average for the Pa year, but I would beg to observe that from the aver rate in my Contract for the last year in the Cantonm ment and Pettah of Bangalore, such a duty would resu in a loss to Government of upwards of 33 per cent. I would further beg to suggest that there should be tw rates of duty the higher for the Cantonment and Petth the lowers for the Labastis where the working popula is not in a condition to pay the higher rate and wh would have the injurious effect of driving them to Toda and Arrack; an alternative to be deprecated not onl as relates to the Consumers themselves, but also as being at variance with the orders laid down in th 2 Para Page 407 of the Directions" and which for ea reference I beg to annex in the margin

In the performance of this duty they need not repudiate any desire to encourage & increase the consumption of intoxicating Liquors Their Object is to bring under contribution all that is now consumed in so doing I are persuaded that they offer great obstacles to increased consumption.

Densities

A Karrie Circular No 941 determines that the duty levied on Spirit for 1862/63 should be as follows—

Spirits of a Strength less than 25° below proof will pay 2 Rupees per Gallon.

Spirits more than 25° below proof will pay Rupees 1—8—0

With reference to the issue of Spirit from the Distillery of two different densities, I would with all respect beg to state that such a system would render its detection of fraud difficult, and would consequently entail a loss on the Government.

Sykes Hydrometer is no doubt the best being Regulated according to temperature but it is an instrument not easily understood by all. Carter's Hydrometer now in use is more suitable for an equable climate like that of India, and is easily understood by the

License Fee for each Shop

The sale of Liquor even in the Cantonment varies greatly according to locality. Of the Eighty five Shops some sell as much as 150 Gallons per mensem while others not more than 30 in the same period. I would therefore consider the sum of 8 annas per day heavy for the latter class of Shops for first year. I would respectfully suggest that the fee should be fixed on a Scale according to the quantity sold, Kutchas in the Cantonment might be assessed at the lowest rate and Villages where but little is sold being free for the first year all authorized Fees I should be willing to collect for the Government

II Restricting Sales to Licensed Shops

I would respectfully beg to recommend that Liquor should be sold only at such Shops as are licensed authorized by Government, but that the Vendors and the price at which it is sold be left as stated in the Circular Para 8 to the Distiller, who possesses a check against fraud in the knowledge of the quantity issued by him from the Distillery

III Prepayment of duty at the Still Head

In the Cantonment and Pettah there are one Hundred Shops whose requirements for the day are divided equally, half being served in the morning and half in the evening. I need not point out the confusion and difficulty which exist in supplying each with only their daily demand all anxious to be first served. The supply of Liquor begins at 8 a.m. lasting till past Eleven the Servants of the Establishment then retire for their food till 3 P.M. when the supply is again resumed lasting often till late in the evening. But where much calculation would be necessary for receiving payments at the Distillery Gate it would be much

more

Section S.R.

No 4768

67 Ironcon 3/3/66

My dear Hay

I will be obliged
by your reading
a mistake in my
letter of Yesterday,
regarding Sudden
Destitution. I entered

by an amount
in Relief of
Establishments a
Bounty for each
Distillery instead
of for each Distrct
The amendments
is in the Margin
Yours &c
M Wells

Bounty 1 Gallon 1½. 5c
Drawback Bitters — 3c
Coffee Bitters — 3c
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Gen. Br. 4983 }
Rev. 101 } 1863/64

Mysore Commissioner's Office
Bangalore 14th April 1864

To

The Superintendent
of Ceded Districts

Sir

With reference to your letter No. 607/152 of the 30 ultimo requesting the Commissioner's instructions for the introduction of the Scale-Division System. I am desired to convey his sanction as an experimental measure to the establishment proposed for Bangalore and for the interior Division at a monthly cost of Rs. 5 as shown in the margin.

2. The plan proposed, embodying the many concessions should, the Commissioner observes, receive a fair trial with the explicit understanding that he does not guarantee its continuance, nor admit any claim to compensation this he considers necessary to state at the outset, though no change may be assumed

Establishment for Bangalore - Rs. 103 per month -
1 Divisional Sheristadar 30 Rs. per mensem
1 Cutcherry Sheristadar 25 " "
2 Cutcherry Peons @ 3 Rs. each 6 " "
1 Cutcherry Peon @ 2 Rs. 2 " "
Total Rs. 5 per month

The pay of the Surveyor Holeva Davoshee will not exceed Rs 35 per mensem according to the scale of his statement accompanying your letter under reply. Rs 30 are of course struck off on the 31st of the following month on account of Error.

of all proper support, if he conducts the business satisfactorily.

3. The Comsr. agrees with you that Toddy sellers should be made to take out licenses equally with Arrack venders as stated by you in para 7.

4. He also concurs with you that Still Head duty should be Rs. 2 per Gallon at Bangalore, and 1 Rupee elsewhere.

5. The Circular proposed to be issued by you, has, ~~been~~ obtained the Comsrs approval, but the question of the rate of fees for licenses will require further examination with a view to their amount being more accurately determined. The Comsr is doubtful whether the proposed sliding scale of fees (para 2 of proposed Circular) according to the quantity supposed to be sold, will answer -

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If the Stills are not at work under the circumstances mentioned in para 13. the Comrs. consider that the Govt. liability cannot then be placed over the Stores, and an account be kept of the quantity issued with the amount of duty payable on it.

I am &c

ABD

Secy.

To

Ag. Govt Chemist

do not see the necessity of
effecting a contract with
Mr. Harley. Under the
Ladder Distillery system, it is a
sine qua non that the Distillery
should be located inside the
premises and have complete
control over the issue of
spirits as well as the duty
of passing them & collecting the
State Head Duty.

In para: 6 the word
Insp^r is used. I presume this
refers to the Duty, but the
term is open to misconstruction

The duty should be inside
& paid every week and not
every month (para: 8)

Para: 9. I observe from
this para: that the Insp^r
contemplates giving to the Distiller
the monopoly of the Retail
Shop for vend of liquor,
a measure which I apprehend
is likely to lead to collusion
between the Distillers people
& Excise Officials, and to
constitute a monopoly full
of risk. Although not wishing
to interfere unnecessarily
with details, I am of opinion

Revenue No. 154

1863/64

From Inspector General of Revenue Duty

To Secretary to the Commissioners

Dated 22 April 1864

Despatched 23

Received 23

Enclosures, No. 1

G. No. 64-2

Rec'd 25 Apr 58

Subject.

Submits draft of an agreement proposed to be entered into with Messrs Morgan & Mullaghy, Brewers, Limerick to carry out the Ladder Distillery System

Orders W. Boyton

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Answered 23/4/64

Reply that the questions raised in this reference might have been submitted several months ago, by doing which compli

this letter, but that other points communicated with them should be encouraged to take advice. Perhaps the best plan might be to allow half the shops to be visited by the Distillers & the other half by others in any case the licenses should be given out in detail for each shop. The Supt may be informed that in a telegram (the procedure laid down in which appears to have been followed in the present instance) the Supt made over the retail sheet of the Distillers without any sanction from or reference to this office and that I certainly object to this having been done.

The other portions of the Draft enclosed in this letter do not seem to call for special remarks. I have noted that Appendix One is possibly open to criticism, but as I do not wish to bother the Supt in settling the details of his proposal I should be glad assured of the success of the taxation measures should be pushed & introduced tentatively for the first year.

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Genl: No: 662 1863-64.
Revenue 138

Section SA
File No 4-63
Serial No 15

Superintendents Office.

To.

The Secretary to the Commissioner
in Mysore.

Déverydroog 22d April 1864.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and approval of the Commissioner, the rough drafts of the agreement proposed to be executed by Messrs Morgler and Muttapa Chetty binding themselves to carry on the Sudder distillery system

Rupees 5000 will I suppose be a sufficient security deposit.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servt.

Superintendent

Draft to for the Anundidroog Division

Where as We J. Mengler and Gella Mullappah Chetty have been licensed by the Superintendent of the Anundidroog Division, under the authority of the Commissioner of Mysore to erect Distilleries at Bangalore, Chenapatam, Srinivaspoor and Coomta, also to hold the Government building at Godelundu, the above five buildings to be considered the Government Sudder Distilleries from the 1st of May 1864.

We do by these presents bind ourselves to adhere to the terms enumerated in the annexed Memorandum signed by us, and herewith to deposit the sum of Rupees to be held at the disposal of the Superintendent for the due fulfilment on our part of the rules and restrictions connected with the said Government Distilleries.

Memorandum.

Rules and Restrictions under which the five Distilleries Viz at Bangalore, Chenapatam, Srinivaspoor, Godelundoo and Coomsoor shall be the Government Sudder Distilleries from the 1st day of May 1864

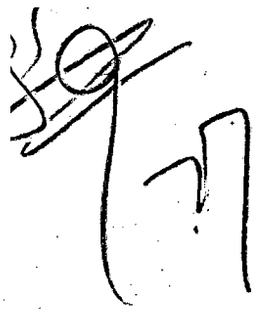
Re J. Bergler & Gella.

Bullaghah Ghetty agree to have the under buildings and premises connected with the Distilleries surrounded by a wall, and to have only one door, for egress and ingress, so as to afford full security for the Government Revenue.

3 That such Officers as the Superintendent of Excise shall appoint to the duty of remaining at the Government Distillery shall at all times, by day or by night, have free ingress into the Distillery and into the Godowns, and other places ascertaining thereto, for the purpose of inspecting and measuring all stills and other vessels used in manufacturing Spirits, of gauging and proving Spirits manufactured in the Distillery and of estimating by experiment or otherwise, the deficiency amount of the duty payable.

They must be located inside

4 That all stills, Coolers, and other vessels for Carrying on the business of the Distillery shall be inspected measured and marked by the Inspector, or other duly Authorized Officer of Excise



to the duty by the Superintendent and such only shall be used in the Distillery.

5 That the ab[illegible]ary Officer stationed at the Distillery shall gauge and prove all spirits manufactured at the Distillery & keep a regular account of all the spirits conveyed from the Distillery or kept in the Godowns and other places where such spirits are usually deposited, exhibiting their quantity and strength.

6 That no spirits shall be removed from the Distillery and beyond the premises, without a Pass issued by the Superintendent which shall specify the quantity and strength of the spirits to be ascertained by Carter's Hydrometer to be between 18 and 19 degrees which is equivalent by Sykes to between 26 degrees below London proof.

7 That we shall be allowed a remission of 3 per Cent on account of Wastage and Leakage of Spirits removed from the Distillery.

That

in the Distillery premises

† I have no Sykes Hydrometer Carters is in present use, and the strength now used is only 18°. according to my Contract agreement, I have allowed between 18° & 19° so as to provide against the decrease of strength by Evaporation & this is about half a degree below the strength now in use in the Saharanpur Division

That all Spirituous Liquors or Strong Waters removed from the Distillery shall be subject to Duty of Excise per Imperial Gallon of any quantity however, a strict account of the same being kept, and the accumulative amount of Duty for each Month to be paid regularly every Month, so that the same may reach the Collector of Revenue by the 20th of every following Month.

9. That we will furnish a List of the Shops in which we intend to retail Spirits throughout the Aberdeen Division, including ourselves to pay Monthly the Licence fee for such Shops, and the localities of the Shops shall not be changed or new ones created without the previous sanction of the Superintendent. Off. & Co.

10. That we will not knowingly permit Drunkenness, or disorderly behaviour in any of the Shops or Premises under us, & will not willingly suffer any Gambling whatever therein & will not Knowingly permit Prostitutes or Persons of ill-

note

notoriously bad characters to meet or remain therein, and will not wilfully harbour or conceal therein soldiers, or other Persons having reason to believe such soldiers or others to be deserters.

11 That we shall not allow any Liquor or Drugs to be sold directly or indirectly to any European man, woman or child except to those who obtain express permission from the Superintendent of Police under the penalty of Rs. for the offence and Rupees for every subsequent offence in addition to such other punishment as may be awarded to the actual Agent selling the same.

12. That we will fix in a conspicuous part of each Shop under our Control a board on which shall be legibly painted the name of the Shop and the name of the vendor.

13. We do hereby bind ourselves to observe all and each of the above rules in every respect and acknowledge ourselves answerable for any neglect or default on our own part and further should any question arise not herein specially provided for it will rest with the Superintendent of

Para added Opium Contract agreement.

of the Division for the time being to take such measures as may appear to him expedient to remedy any irregularity effecting the good order or the health &c. of the Inhabitants &c.

In acknowledgement of the above Rules we have hereunto set our hands and seal, this day of May One thousand Eight hundred & Sixty four.—

RAD

This agreement was executed between J. Bengler and Gelladuwa Kullappa Chetty on one part and the Superintendent of the ~~Nagodawa~~ Division on the other part on the

We J. Bengler and Gelladuwa Kullappa Chetty agree and bind ourselves to pay the Superintendent of the ~~Nagodawa~~ Division the sum of Rupees

being the amount of Tax imposed by the said Superintendent on arrack Shops situated within the limits of the Nagodawa Division as per Statement hereunto attached and the classification marginally noted, and by these presents, we agree to abide by the following rules and herewith to deposit a sum of Rupees for the due fulfilment of the same.

1st Class Shops.
2 " — Do.
3 " — Do.

That the localities of the existing arrack Shops shall not be changed or new ones created without the previous sanction of the Superintendent.

That

2 That we shall annually in four Months furnish the Superintendent of the Division for the time being with a list of the Shops in which we are licensed to retail Spirituous Liquors which we may wish to transact; Remove or discontinue and the Superintendents instructions in regard to such transfers, removals, and alterations shall be duly carried out by us.

3 That we shall pay to the Superintendent of the Division in addition to the aforesaid

Rates any Accumulation Tax which might be due to the Consequence on the Establishment, with the permission of the Superintendent, of new Shops, according to the Law aforementioned.

4 We also agree and bind ourselves to pay the Stipulated amount on the 10th of every Month following that for which it is due,

We do agree and bind ourselves to observe all and each of the above rules and Acknowledge ourselves bound

Responsible for any neglect
or default on our own part
and on that of our Retail Sellers

In acknowledgment
of the above rule we have
hereunto set our hands and
seal this day of
One thousand eight hundred
and Sixty four.

NOV

No. 52

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1864.

From SR 4 – 63 84

To the Superintendent of the Andaman I.s

Dated
Despatched } 29 April
Received

Enclosures No.

No. 5286
Revenue 105
Subject.

In reply to No 662 of 22 Dec. last inviting observations on the Arrangements proposed to be made for carrying out the Ladder Dredging System

Transmitted

1 Encl.

WM

Govt. Gen. 5286
Rec. 105.

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Ex. C. O.
29th April 1864.

The Superintendent
of Excise Chittoor

Sir

~~I am instructed by the~~
~~Commissioners~~ In reply to your
letter No. 662/158 of the 22 Instant
submitting for the Commissioners con-
-sideration and approval drafts
of ~~an~~ agreements proposed to
be executed by Mr Energler and
Ramalinga Chetty binding them
to carry out the Madras Dis-
-tillery System. I am instruct-
-ed by the Commissioners to remark
that the question involved
in the reference ~~originally~~ has
been submitted several months
ago, ~~by forwarding~~ which complic-
-ations might possibly have
been prevented ~~that~~ and

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had

2- The Commrs does not see
the necessity of effecting a
contract with Mr Energler.
Under the Madras Distillery
System, it is, he observes, a
sine qua non that the Pro-
-prietor should be
localized inside the premi-
-ses, and have complete
control over the issue of

... 1

That he considers the 4th
Section of the original Contract
bond unnecessary and
that if the question in Mind
in the reference had been
submitted three months
ago it appears that his trial
Annual Compilations might
possibly have been avoided.

Spirits as well as those the duty of gauging the same, and collecting the Still Head duty.

3. In para 6 of the agreement No. 1. the word Superintendent is used - this the Comm. presumes, refers to the Baroga, but the term Superintendent, is open to misconstruction.

4. The Comm. is of opinion that the duty should be paid every week, and not every month, as provided in para 8.

5. From para 9 it is observed that upon the Distiller the right of Exclusive sale in the Retail Shops for the vend of liquor, a measure which the Comm. apprehends is likely to lead to collusion between the Distiller people and the Govt. Officials, and to constitute a monopoly, full of risk. Although unwilling to interfere unnecessarily with details, the Comm. is of opinion that the sole vend

Para 2.

The term "Licence" as applied to the permission for Establishing a Distillery used in para 1 of the Agreement is inappropriate to the Contract inasmuch as the Licence is required under the Sub. Distr. Rules and I am directed to point out that the Expenses of para 3 that of the Gauging Establishment the Govt. Sh. be borne by the Distiller between the Premises and bonded Warehouse which contains the Spirits as well as the duty of gauging the same and collecting the Still Head duty.

vance of buyers should not be left to the Distillers, but that other parties unconnected with them should be encouraged to take out licenses. ~~Perhaps, the Borough~~ It seems to me that the best plan might be, that ~~the~~ half the shops to be rented by the Distillers, and the other half by outsiders but in any case, the licenses, ~~shall be granted~~, should be given out in detail for each shop. ~~The Queen's Warrant for the~~ in Ashley case / the procedure laid down, and which appears to have been followed in the present instance / the Justices made over the retail vend to the Distillers without any sanction from or reference to other Officers, and a proceeding which is wholly objected to by the Crown.

6. The other portions of the draft agreement do not seem to call for special remarks. The Crown has notice what appeared to them to be

liability

possibly open to except
but as he does not wish
to fetter you in the details
of a new system just com-
menced, he is willing to
leave them to your judgment
Should he feel assured of the
success of the measures
which you venture to in-
troduce tentatively for
the first year -

Yours &c

ABW

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clear picture of the draft-area
& efficiency to require the